

October 17, 2007

Ms. Sylvette Seay  
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Reports Analysis Division  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Rhode Island Hope PAC  
FEC ID No. C00431601

Dear Ms. Seay:

This is in response to your letter dated October 5, 2007 concerning the Mid Year Report (1/1/07-6/30/07) of the above referenced Committee.

You ask about expenditures for "Fundraising Consulting Services". This expenditure was for activities on behalf of the Rhode Island Hope PAC (the "Committee") and was not made on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate.

Next, you ask about expenditures for "Printing". The expenditure you cite was made to conduct the Committee's own general activities and programs and did not contain express advocacy.

Finally, you ask about payments for administrative expenses. The Committee is a small committee that has few administrative expenses. Currently, it has no office or paid staff and relies primarily on our law firm, Perkins Coie, a fundraising consultant, and volunteers to administer the Committee's activities. All of the expenses incurred to operate the Committee, including payments to its consultant, have been reported as federal operating expenditures on the Committee's FEC report.

We hope that this information adequately addresses your questions. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Very truly yours,

Marc Elias  
Counsel to Rhode Island Hope PAC

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